(c) Administrative instructions have already been issued to prohibit smoking, to start with, in a few selected public places namely hospitals, dispensaries and other health care establishments, educational institutions, conference rooms, domestic air flights, air conditioned chair-cars and air-conditioned sleeper coaches in trains, sub-urban trains and air-conditioned buses.

Statement I

The production of Tobacco at all India level are as under :—

S. No.	Year	Production (100 tonnes)
1.	1987-88	367.4
2.	1988-89	492.8
3.	1989-90	564.4

Statement II

Exports of unmanuactured Tobaco and Tobacco Products and Value thereof

(*Quantity in tons and value in Rs. Crores*)

Year	Unmanufactured Tobacco		Tobacco Products		Grand Total	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1988-89	39917	100.70	10379	16.14	50296	116.84
1989-90	58183	152.22	15512	19.79	73695	172.01
1990-91	70375	209.16	13299	54.53	83674	263.69

Use of dyes in food

1926. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that certain dyes banned in Europe and elsewhere in the world are permitted to be used in the country;

(b) what are the names of such dyes;

(c) whether Government have taken into account the recommendations of World Health Organisation on the use of harmful dyes;

(d) whether import of synthetic food dyes is permitted;

(e) what are the steps being taken to ban synthetic dyes in food manufacture; and

(f) what action Government have initiated on the recommendations of the Central Committee for Food Standard for banning coal-tar dyes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (f). On the basis of the recommendations of the Central Committee for food standards which are based on the world list of permitted colours and recommendations of the World Health Organisations, the Government have already banned three synthetic food dyes, namely, Amarnath, Fast Red E and Green S with effect from 23-8-91 as these dyes do not find place in the world list.

Import of synthetic food dyes is covered under S. No. 172 of Appendix 2 Part B of Import and Export Policy, 1990 to 1993 and as such, normally its import is not allowed.